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The Senate met pursuant to a proclamation from the Governor to convene Special Session.
Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Maywood, Illinois, presiding.
Silent prayer was observed.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Harmon offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a majority of the members of the Senate has assembled, pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor, convening a First Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Harmon offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the President appoint a committee of five to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the First Special Session of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly is now duly in session in pursuance of his proclamation, and is ready to receive any message he may desire to submit.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Harmon offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that a Committee of three (3) members of the Senate be appointed, two (2) members to be appointed by the President and one (1) member to be appointed by the Minority Leader, to approve any and all Journals of the Senate for all days of the First Special Session of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly where such Journals, prior to adjournment SINE DIE, have not been approved by the body as a whole.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS****PROCLAMATION 2013-210**

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2011, I took the Constitutional oath of office to become Governor of the State of Illinois, solemnly swearing to uphold both the Illinois Constitution and the Constitution of the United States, and promising to “faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Governor to the best of my abilities”; and

WHEREAS, I am committed to fulfilling my oath of office to serve the people of the State of Illinois by restoring fiscal stability to the State; and

WHEREAS, the State continues to face an unprecedented pension crisis that, unchecked, hurts our economic recovery, downgrades the State’s credit rating, and threatens the continued delivery of vital services including education, public safety and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the current unfunded pension liability of more than \$100 billion is unsustainable and costs taxpayers \$17 million dollars every day it goes unresolved; and

WHEREAS, the State’s fiscal year 2014 budget is \$35.3 billion, approximately 17 percent of which will go toward pensions alone; and

WHEREAS, I will continue to work with the leaders of all four legislative caucuses and legislators until they put a comprehensive pension reform bill on my desk; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of Illinois are waiting and there is no excuse for further delay; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution empowers the Governor, as Chief Executive, to convene a special session of the General Assembly;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I, Governor Pat Quinn, hereby call and convene the 98th General Assembly in a special session to commence on June 19, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of considering any legislation, new or pending, which addresses pension reform.

s/Pat Quinn
Pat Quinn
Governor

Dated: June 6, 2013

ANNOUNCEMENT ON ATTENDANCE

Senator LaHood announced for the record that Senator McCarter was absent due to being out of the country.

At the hour of 2:06 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at recess subject to the call of the Chair.

AT EASE

At the hour of 2:50 o'clock p.m., the Senate resumed consideration of business.
Senator Lightford, presiding.

[June 19, 2013]

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Senator Harmon offered the following Senate Joint Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the Senate adjourns on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, it stands adjourned until the call of the President; and when the House of Representatives adjourns on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, it stands adjourned until the call of the Speaker.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

At the hour of 2:54 o'clock p.m., pursuant to **Senate Joint Resolution No. 1**, the Chair announced the Senate stand adjourned until the call of the President.